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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE
REF: (A) STATE 59780; (B) NEW DELHI 3787
1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO THE
PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR USE ON MARCH 9.

QUESTION: ARE THE INDIANS ABOUT TO PROVIDE NUCLEAR ASSIS-
TANCE TO VIETNAM?

ANSWER: WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION ON PRESS RE-
PORTS THAT DURING THE VISIT LAST MONTH OF THE VIETNAMESE
PRIME MINISTER, INDIA AGREED TO PROVIDE SOME NUCLEAR AID
TO VIETNAM. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE INDIAN EMBASSY
THAT NO NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BE-
TWEEN INDIA AND VIETNAM. THE VIETNAMESE EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN A FEW SHORT-TERM COURSES IN SUCH AREAS AS THE
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HANDLING OF ISOTOPES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES AND THE INDIANS
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT THREE OR FOUR STUDENTS IF
SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANY COURSES
FOLLOWED WOULD BE STRICTLY IN THE AREA OF THE PEACEFUL
APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND MOST LIKELY WOULD BE
GIVEN AT THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER NEAR BOMBAY,
MANY OF WHOSE COURSES ARE UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. VANCE

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